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TAGS: SHUM, SOPN, SF

SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL REQUEST CONCERNING EUGENE HUGO

REF: (A) STATE 069484; (B) DURBAN 191

1. REF A INDICATED CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN FORMER WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT EUGENE HUGO'S SITUATION IN S.A. AND REF REPORTED HE HAD UNEASILY SETTLED INTO A JOB WITH THE "SUNDAY TRIBUNE" IN DURBAN. HE RECENTLY TOLD US HE HAS DECIDED TO LEAVE THE ARGUS GROUP AND SWITCH OVER TO THE RIVAL "SUNDAY TIMES". HE SAID HE WOULD WORK FROM JOHANNESBURG AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR "INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING". WHILE HE WOULD NOT DIRECTLY CRITICIZE THE ARGUS GROUP FOR THEIR TREATMENT OF HIM HE WAS EVIDENTLY UNDERUTILIZED AND CHAFFED AT HIS LACK OF A RESPONSIBLE ASSIGNMENT. HE EXPECTS TO MOVE TO JOHANNESBURG IN JULY.

2. FOR JOHANNESBURG: HUGO IS FRIENDLY TOWARDS AMERICANS

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AND WILL PROBABLY CALL AT THE CONGEN AFTER SETTLING IN. HE IS AN AFRIKAANER OF LIBERAL PERSUASIONS AND ANTI-NAT SENTIMENTS. HIS POLITICAL REPORTING INSTINCTS ARE GOOD AND HE CAN BE TRUSTED. HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT WILL ENTAIL PURSUING THE UNRAVELLING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION SCANDAL AND OTHER GOVERNMENT INDISCRETIONS.  
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